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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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SIR:

In the Office Action mailed on March 11, 2003, the Examiner required restriction to one of the following inventions:

- Group I - Claims 17 to 31
- Group II - Claim 32

Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, the claims of Group I, i.e., claims 17 to 31, for prosecution on the merits.

An early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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